

**ARIZONA**  
Department of Emergency and Military Affairs

**POLICY LETTER NO. 60.02**

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**SUBJECT: Search or Rescue Requests**

**REGULAR POLICY LETTER DISTRIBUTION  
(POLICY LETTER 10.01)**

1. Pursuant to A.R.S. 26-172, paragraph D, The Adjutant General has been granted authority to respond to requests for assistance of the National Guard from the sheriff, or other officers of a political subdivision, who are conducting a search or rescue operation involving the life or health of any person.
2. In the absence of The Adjutant General, the following officers are authorized to approve such requests and the obligation of funds up to five thousand dollars for necessary expenses provided in A.R.S. 35-192.01:

The Acting Adjutant General  
Chief of Staff, ARNG  
Director, Plans, Training, and Security  
Plans, Operations, and Military Support Officer

3. The official making a commitment of National Guard resources to a search and rescue mission, should have a verbal confirmation that a mission number has been issued by the Division of Emergency Management to the local requesting agency. This confirmation may come from the local agency requesting the assistance, or from the Division of Emergency Management's Duty Officer. Search and Rescue activities will not be curtailed due to lack of a mission number. This number is administrative in nature and may be obtained during or after a search or rescue mission.

  
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The Adjutant General